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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJ: SUDAN TO CONTINUE CHAD MEDIATION EFFORTS

1. SUDANGOV INTENDS TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORT MEDiate BETWEEN CHADGOV AND REBELS, MINSTATE IZZ EL-DIN HAMID IS CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT FURTHER SUCCESS IS POSSIBLE. HE HAS BEEN PRINCIPAL SUDANESE OFFICIAL INVOLVED IN RECONCILIATION EFFORTS BETWEEN MALLOUM AND HISSEIN HABRE. HE DISCUSSED CHAD SITUATION WITH ME EVENING SEPTEMBER 12 DURING DINNER FOR VISITING IRISH FONMIN. I TOLD HAMID USG APPLAUDED SUDANESE ROLE IN CHAD RECONCILIATION NEGOTIATIONS.

2. HAMID DESCRIBED RECENTLY CONCLUDED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CHADGOV AND HABRE FACTION AS DIFFICULT. NEVERTHELESS, THEY SUCCEEDED, AND HAMID BELIEVES BOTH SIDES SHOULD BE ABLE WORK TOGETHER DESPITE LANGUAGE AND OTHER PROBLEMS. I ASKED HIM WHAT HAPPENS NEXT AND WHETHER SUDANGOV WOULD CONTINUE ITS INVOLVEMENT. HE SAID THAT IT WOULD AND THIS WILL BE WITH SUPPORT OF CHADGOV.

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3. HOWEVER, NEXT PHASE WILL BE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT. SUDANESE FEEL TIME HAS COME TO ENGAGE GOUKOUNI HIMSELF IN RECONCILIATION NEGOTIATIONS. DESPITE PRESENT PROBLEMS BETWEEN GOUKOUNI AND LIBYA, HAMID SAID, HE REMAINS FIRMLY UNDER LIBYAN CONTROL. THEREFORE KEY TO GOUKOUNI RECONCILIATION WILL BE FOUND IN TRIPOLI. SUDANGOV, THEREFORE, WILL BE TRY-

ING TO GET LIBYANS TO SUPPORT RECONCILIATION EFFORTS. IN  
ANSWER TO MY QUESTION, HAMID SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS POS-  
SIBLE THAT LIBYAN AND CHAD OFFICIALS MIGHT MEET IN NEW YORK  
DURING UNGA TO DISCUSS RECONCILIATION.

4. COMMENT: HAMID, TRADITIONALLY, HAS BEEN AND REMAINS  
OPTIMISTIC REGARDING CHAD RECONCILIATION OUTLOOK. FOR  
EXAMPLE, HE WAS NOTABLY LESS BEARISH THAN EMBASSY NDJAMENA  
REGARDING DIFFICULTIES ARISING FROM ARABIC AND FRENCH SPEAKING  
CHADIANS WORKING TOGETHER IN RECONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT. FROM  
HIS VIEW, HABRE FACTION RECONCILIATION WAS SUCCESSFUL AND  
THEREFORE HIS OPTIMISM WAS VINDICATED. EVEN HAMID ADMITS TALKS  
WERE TOUGH, HOWEVER, AND HE REALIZES TACKLING LIBYA/GOUKOUNI  
WILL BE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT.

5. TO UNDERSTAND SUDANESE DETERMINATION, ONE MUST CONSIDER  
DANGEROUS STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS AGAINST THINLY DEFENDED FAR-  
WEST CHAD FRONTIER IF RECONCILIATION EFFORTS DO NOT SUCCEED.  
IF LIBYAN-BACKED REBELS CONTROL ANY SIZEABLE PORTION OF BORDER,  
IT WOULD INTENSIFY WHAT SUDANESE BELIEVE IS SERIOUS LIBYAN  
THREAT. MOREOVER, THEY ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER  
SOVIET ROLE IN LIBYA WHICH COULD BE EXTENDED INTO ANY  
REBEL-HELD PART OF CHAD. SUDANGOV WANTS UNIFIED, INDEPENDENT,  
MODERATE CHAD AS NEIGHBOR, ESPECIALLY AT TIME WHEN IT HAS  
ENOUGH DOMESTIC ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND REFUGEE AND STRATEGIC  
PROBLEMS ALONG EASTERN ETHIOPIAN FRONTIER. SO, SUDANESE  
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EFFORTS MEDIATE CHAD DISPUTE VERY MUCH ROOTED IN NATIONAL  
SELF-INTEREST AND IT IS A MAJOR POLICY OBJECTIVE OF NIMEIRI  
THAT THESE EFFORTS SUCCEED.  
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